State of South Dakota
Statement of Financial Interest
Governor's Appointees

To be filed with: Secretary of State, State Capitol, Pierre, SD 57501

1. Name: Paul Christen	
2. Address: 778 Iowa Avenue, SE Huron, SD 57350	
3. Appointed Office: South Dakota Science and Technology Authority	
4. What is your occupation or profession? Private Investor - Former owner of First Western Banks	
5. List any enterprise in which you, your spouse, or minor children control more than 10 percent of, or contributed more than $2,000 to, your family income in the preceding calendar year. 1995 Revocable Trust No. 1 of Paul R. Christen dated 6-17-1995 1995 Revocable Trust No. 1 of Donna L. Christen dated 6-17-1995 MISC Properties, LLC Christen Co., LLC	6. What is the nature of your association with each? (The value of the financial interest need not be reported.) Co-Trustee Co-Trustee Director & President Director & President
7. List any enterprise in which you, your spouse, or minor children control more than 10 percent of the capital stock. 1995 Revocable Trust No. 1 of Paul R. Christen dated 6-17-1995 1995 Revocable Trust No. 1 of Donna L. Christen dated 6-17-1995 MISC Properties, LLC Christen Co., LLC	8. What is the nature of your association with each? Co-Trustee Co-Trustee Director and President Director and President

State of South Dakota)
) SS Verification
County of Beadle)

I have reviewed my Statement of Financial Interest and hereby certify that the information reported thereon is a complete, true, and accurate representation of my financial interests for the preceding calendar year.

Paul R Christen

Paul Christen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, 2016.

(SEAL) DEBRA ALEXANDER NOTARY PUBLIC SOUTH DAKOTA (SEAL)

Debra Alexander
Officer Administering Oath

My Commission Expires: 7-7-2018

Executive Reappointment
Senate Confirmation Information

Name: Paul Christen	
Address: 778 Iowa Avenue, SE Huron, SD 57350	
Home Phone: (605) 352-6539	Office Phone: (605) 352-8561

1. Do you serve on any other state board or commission? (If yes, please list.)

   Not at this time.

2. Reason for vacancy:

   Reappointment

3. This appointee replaces:

   Reappointment

4. Statutory requirement for the composition of this board or commission:

   Chapter 1-16H of the South Dakota Codified Laws

5. Statutory requirement for this appointment:

   Chapter 1-16H of the South Dakota Codified Laws

6. Educational background. (Specify any degrees or special training you have received including the dates and institutions from which degrees have been awarded.)

   Graduated from Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, SD with a B.A. degree. Received my Honorary Doctorate of Business Administration from Dakota Wesleyan University in 1971.

7. Occupation(s) for the past ten years. Please include the name of your employer(s) and the description of your duties.

   Chairman and CEO of First Western Bancorp, Inc., a bank holding company for First Western Banks in 18 locations.

8. Background and experience in the area of appointment.

I was previously owner of eighteen First Western Bank locations and was a director on these Charter Bank Boards.
I have served on the New York Stock Exchange Board, and was director, President, and Chair of the Executive Committee of MEI, Inc, a Fortune 500 Company.
I also served as Vice Chairman of the Mount Rushmore Golden Anniversary National Campaign Committee which raised funds of over $60 million for the preservation of Mount Rushmore.
I have served on many other public and private boards, too numerous to mention.

9. Please state your interest in this appointment. For example, what would you like to see accomplished?

I have a deep interest in assisting with the development of the Authority in providing facilities for the Long-Baseline Neutrino Project and see this project come to a realization.

10. Are you a registered lobbyist? If so, for whom?

No.

11. Other members of the board or commission:
A member list will be provided to the Senate